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EDITORIAL

UM-St. Louis administrators had a choice at the beginning of the semester. Looking back, was it the right one?

FEATURES

UM-St. Louis, Chrysler Corporation and Mothers Against Drunk Driving team up during Alcohol Awareness Week.

SPORTS

There are good signs for the future as the Riverwomen volleyball team shows improvement at Volleyfest last weekend.

Convertible drivers: car may not be safe on campus

by Clint Zweifel
managing editor

Students who drive convertibles to school may want to keep an eye on their roofs while parked at UM-St. Louis.

According to UM-St. Louis police records, in just over a month, eight members of the campus community have returned to their cars, only to see a cut in their automobile's roof or window. Items were stolen in

four of the cases.

Robert Roeseler, St. Louis County police lieutenant and consultant to the UM-St. Louis Police Department, said even with the presence of additional security persons and vehicles on the campus, persons who commit these crimes can easily go undetected.

"This type of crime is one that occurs quickly," he said. "We only have so many men, so we need the eyes of the campus community. Everyone needs to play their part—the campus

community needs to keep their eyes open and the police department needs to do their job."

Roeseler said the University has implemented two preventive measures to fight crime on campus. He said security cameras have been placed in parking garages, but he would not identify the locations of the cameras or the exact time they were installed for security reasons.

Roeseler said, Wednesday, the cameras were installed "a few days

ago." He also said none of the cameras were placed inside campus buildings.

Roeseler said the department is also implementing a program that gives rewards to members of the campus community who have information that leads to the arrest and conviction of an unsolved crime on campus. He said people who give the information would not have to testify in a trial. Roeseler said he hopes this program would give more incentive to the campus community to report suspicious activities.

Interim Director of Police James Smalley said about half of all thefts on campus can be prevented by the victim through the use of precautionary measures. He said if a perpetrator sees something of value in a person's car, he or she will be more prone to find a way to break into the vehicle and steal the possession. A vinyl top could further entice a perpetrator since any sharp object could tear a hole in the roof or window—an easy and quick way to break into an automobile.

■ For a complete list of all roof and window slashings, see page 4.

"In some of the [roof slashings], people left something of value in their car that could be seen," Smalley said. "If people took more time to account for their valuables, their would be less problems."

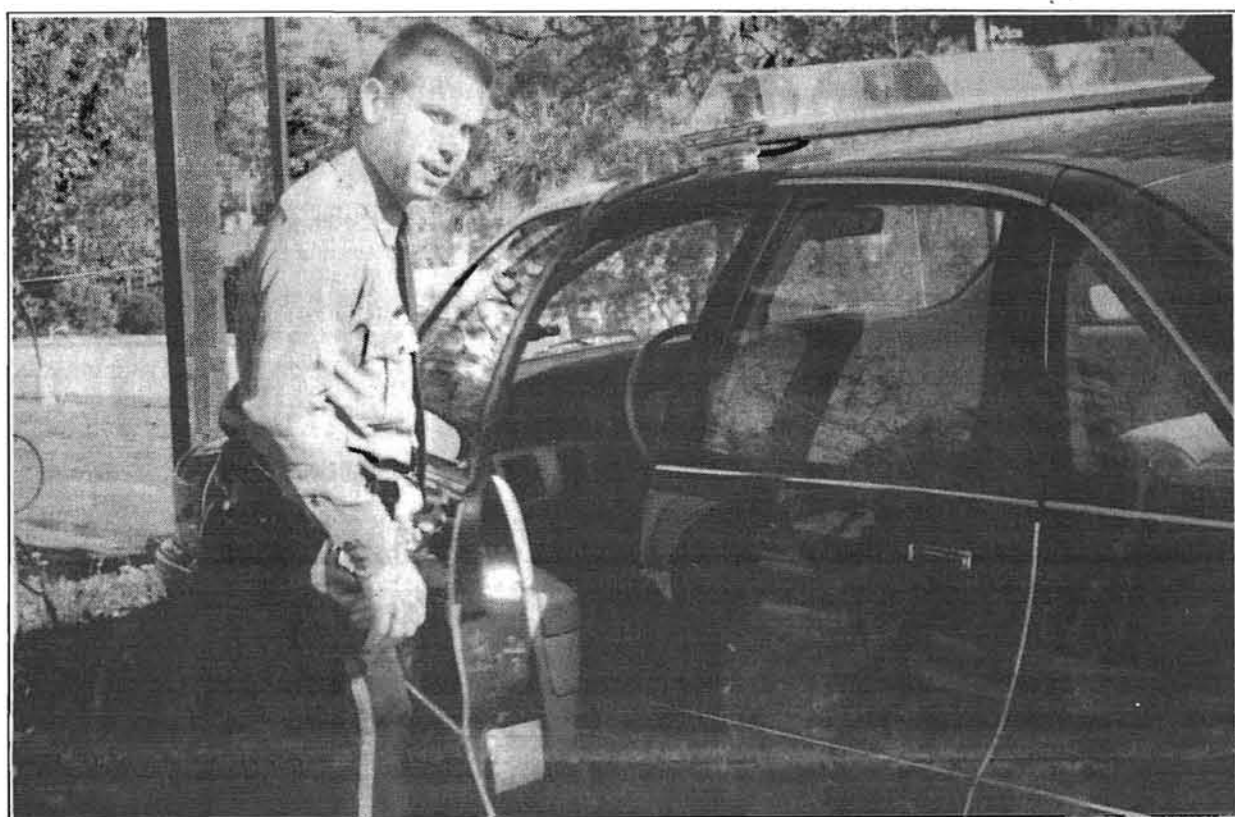


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ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT: UM-St. Louis Police Officer Thomas McEwen stands outside his campus police vehicle. Thomas is a member of Capt. James Smalley's force, which was praised last week by Chancellor Blanche Touhill.

Touhill pleased with police

University may purchase fourth Cushman patrol car

This story is the second part of a two-part series that evaluates changes in the campus police department.

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

Chancellor Blanche Touhill has many things on her mind. The UM-St. Louis Police Department is just one of them.

But it's an important one.

That's why Touhill periodically sits down with Interim Director of Police James Smalley, and discusses the department.

"She wants to make the department more of a unit," said Reinhard Schuster, vice chancellor of Administrative Services. "She is trying to bring [the department] more into the campus community, and less isolated."

Touhill confirmed Schuster's comments, and said she has many meetings with the department to maintain a solid relationship.

"I am very proud of the campus police force," Touhill said. "I think the police are doing a very good job of engaging themselves in community outreach."

Smalley understood Touhill differently in their meeting, Oct. 15. In issue 804 of *The Current*, Smalley said the chancellor was disturbed with the visibility of the department.

"In the meeting she said that she doesn't see the (Cushman patrol) cars around on campus enough," Smalley said. "... she complained that she

cannot look out of her office window and see the cars."

Smalley said Touhill was impressed with the visibility of cars initially, but in the meeting, said she was unsatisfied as of late.

Schuster said the University started with one Cushman, but since August has purchased two. He said with the addition of those two Cushmans and the possibility of purchasing a fourth will allow the department to patrol crime-prone areas.

"Originally, we only had one," Schuster said. "And (the officer) spent most of his time near the (Founders) Circle and on paths. He didn't have time to patrol the garages."

Schuster said students are beginning to appreciate the changes made in the police department.

"For the first time since I've been

see *Police*, page 4

Hiring freeze hits campus, home

'Most open positions will remain unfilled until Hancock II vote'

by Beth Robinson
associate news editor

UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill said most open positions at UM-St. Louis will remain unfilled until voters decide the fate of Hancock II (Amendment 7), Nov. 8.

Amendment 7 is a tax limitation measure that changes the way Missouri computes total revenue. The Amendment was proposed by U.S. Rep. Mel Hancock.

UM-President George Russell did make a slight change in the University's policy one week after the hiring freeze went into effect.

Morris Manning, University of Missouri director of Communications, said the change involved exceptions

made for temporary, part-time student help.

"He changed it to allow for part-time temporary student help as long as the appointment did not go past this semester," Manning said, referring to the need for continuing student workers in departments such as food service.

"I do not know of any specific problems related to the hiring freeze as of yet," Manning said.

The freeze has affected many departments at UM-St. Louis.

"It is hard to determine which department has been hit the hardest by the hiring freeze," Director of University Relations Bob Samples said. "I think all departments have been affected."

Samples said the University is

required to post all open positions.

"At the time the freeze was implemented there were approximately 30-35 jobs listed for staff positions," Samples said. "But that does not cover all the openings that had not yet been posted."

The Student Activities Office is faced with a vacant position. The student accountant position was frozen when the hiring freeze was implemented.

"The whole process is slowed down, but it is still going on," said Office of Student Activities Director Bob Schmalfeld.

Schmalfeld said there has been some difficulty in completing the work the position usually handles.

"Some of the process will be eliminated as far as the number of

reports that we give to the student organizations," Schmalfeld said. Student Government Association (SGA) is also hit by the freeze. They were caught without a secretary position filled when the freeze began.

"The hiring freeze really complicated matters," said SGA President Chris Jones. "We have a secretary now, but we had to transfer someone out of another department to fill the position."

The UM-St. Louis Police Department is also feeling the effects of the freeze. The department is currently lacking a director of Safety and Security.

"We are advertising for a director

see *Freeze*, page 4

Citizen LeLoup updates Staff Association on Hancock II

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

A week and a half before the Hancock II Amendment is to appear on the Nov. 8 ballot, Chancellor Blanche Touhill and UMSL Political Action Committee Chairman Lance LeLoup spoke to about 80 members of the UM-St. Louis Staff Association.

The message was not a good one.

"(University of Missouri) President George Russell will make his decision after Hancock II is voted on," Touhill said. "But if it passes, he will start plans for cuts."

"It's taken 30 years to make what we have here today. (Hancock II) could undo all of it with just one

vote," said LeLoup, who reinforced that he was speaking as a citizen and not as director of UMSL PAC.

LeLoup said, based on conservative estimates, the state's service budget would be cut by \$1 billion if Hancock II passes. That includes money for highways, prisons and education.

"If we vote on this, we can beat it," LeLoup said. "Results from our polls tell us that the more people realize the impact these cuts will mean, they [will vote] against it. That's why it's so important to get the word out."

The University of Missouri system stands to lose \$60 million

see *LeLoup*, page 4

Night on the town



Photo: Kimberly Burke

ANNUAL CELEBRATION: (from left) Curtis Wilson, Lowe "Sandy" MacLean and Malaika Horne share a moment at the 8th annual African American Chapter of the Alumni Association dinner and reception. See story, page 4.

Curators alter scholarship requirements

by Beth Robinson
associate news editor

The University of Missouri Board of Curators have made changes in the requirements for the Curators Scholarships that will affect incoming freshman in the fall of 1995.

The Board said the changes will allow for better distribution of the scholarship and raise retention rates.

The Board of Curators met Sept. 1-2 to discuss changing some of the rules of the Curators Scholarship. At the Board meeting Oct. 20, UM-system President George Russell announced the final decisions.

Formerly, there was not a set dollar amount awarded to the students.

"There was not a fixed dollar amount, it was tied to tuition and fees," said James McHugh, president of the Board of Curators.

The award amount was based upon the cost of fees and tuition, depending on which University the recipient was planning to attend.

It was decided that Russell, in consultation with the four chancellors, would determine the dollar amount for the scholarship annually. President Russell, the chancellors and the curators decided the dollar amount to be awarded would be \$3,500, since this amount closely represents current student tuition and fees.

The grade point average to be eligible for the scholarship was also lowered from 3.75 to 3.25.

"It was reduced to a 3.25 for a student to be considered and also retain the scholarship," McHugh said.

"We wanted to make it a little more convenient for the student," said Board of Curators member Mary Gillespie. "As far as the 3.25 GPA is concerned,

I thought it was too low."

"Only a high school senior can get a Curators Scholarship," Gillespie said. "It is difficult to maintain a certain GPA during the transition from high school to college."

McHugh said lowering the GPA will keep more students from losing the scholarship due to grades.

"We wanted to improve renewal rates and keep people more comfortable in their ability to keep the scholarship," McHugh said. "It will also open up the scholarship to more students and give better distribution of the scholarship to the campuses."

Gayatri "Guy" Bhatt, student representative to the Board of Curators said changes made by the Board are more responsive to students' needs.

"The board recognizes the fact that other responsibilities go into the transition from high school to college," Bhatt

said. "The GPA is still competitive and very tailored to the need of the students."

The new 3.25 standard GPA will be reviewed after a year or two of implementation to see if it is still appropriate.

In addition to the lowering of the GPA, the board also changed the American College Testing requirement score and the class rank. The ACT score requirement rose from 26 to 28, and the class rank changed from the top 3 percent to the top 5 percent of a student's class.

There is still some discussion about students that are currently in the program. The board is not sure how to handle students who already have the scholarship since there were different requirements when they earned the award.

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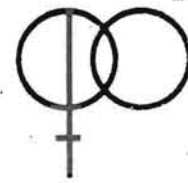


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Department should focus on crime, not perception

by Matthew J. Forsythe
editor-in-chief

Have you ever had the choice of fixing the problem or just fixing the perception of the problem?

UM-St. Louis had that choice a few months ago. Unfortunately, for some students, they made the wrong choice.

At the beginning of 1994-95 academic year, the University reinvented the way the police force is deployed on campus. Unfortunately, greater concern was given to visibility and less concern was given to fighting crime.

Theft has been the most prevalent crime the University has dealt with for the past three years.

Looking at the reported crimes, you can see that there were 115 reported thefts in 1992.

Comparing that to 162 reported crimes in the same year, you can see that thefts make up the largest portion of UM-St. Louis crime. The statistics for the other years also bear this out. The main problem at UM-St. Louis remains theft.

The theft on campus can be split into two different categories. Theft inside and around campus buildings and theft and other incidents involving vehicles.

An example of theft inside and around buildings is usually something like a stolen purse incident that was on January's crime report.

In this incident the individual who had the purse stolen left it unattended in a room for a short length of time.

These are crimes where people have left something somewhere or left a door unlocked and the thief took advantage of the situation.

Compare this to the incidents involving cars and trucks being broken into and items being stolen.

Recently, a student who owned a truck had the right hand door glass broken. The thieves took a radar detector, stereo radio, equalizer and CD player. The incident took place between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in garage D.

Incidents involving trucks have been relatively low, convertibles, on the other hand, are a different matter entirely.

If you own a convertible you could become part of a crime trend that seems to have taken off at UM-St. Louis. Soft tops and windows on convertibles are being slashed left and right by thieves. There have been 8 car roofs (including vinyl windows) cut in just over a month.

These are not a cases of people leaving their doors unlocked. The thief or thieves took the time to slash a roof

or break a window to get what they were after. This is a case where the person who owned that truck was depending on the campus police to protect the vehicle. Where were they?

They were probably out on the campus being visible. In issue 795 of *The Current*, Reinhard Schuster, vice chancellor of Administrative Services, who set the restructuring and redeploying of the police force in place, said the department needed to be more visible.

"[Staff and faculty] did not want to see the police just driving around the perimeter, behind a rolled-up window in an air-conditioned car," Schuster said. "They wanted the police to get out of their car, go through the buildings, walking through the

pass and go through the garage. They wanted the police to be more visible."

More police visibility is certainly a good thing on the UM-St. Louis campus, but the first priority should be fighting the biggest fixable crime on campus. As recent events prove, what UM-St. Louis needed was not more visible police officers, but a security force with vision. In other words the campus police should have given priority to installed security cameras a long time ago.

The good news is that the campus has recently installed security cameras in the parking garages.

Robert Roeseler, a lieutenant St. Louis County Police Department and a consultant to the UM-St. Louis Police Department, said there has not been any further incidents involving vehicles since the cameras were recently installed.

The bad news is that since June 19, 32 vehicles have been tampered with, damaged and in most cases had things stolen from them. This is crime that the University could have prevented if someone had just taken the time to read the crime reports and set up priorities.

Instead the University was more concerned about the perception of the problem rather than the actual problem.

It really doesn't matter what the faculty and staff want when it comes to effective police work. The point is that we shouldn't give the people what they want; we should to give them what they really need.

The answer in today's society is to treat the perception. It is sad, though, when UM-St. Louis, a institute of higher education, falls so quickly into the bad habits of our modern world.



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United Nations Day contest celebrates human rights abuse

Dear Editor,

Every year in October, the UM-St. Louis English Department conducts an essay contest. The essay is about United Nations Day. The flyer explaining this contest says "The flyer explaining this contest says the students participating should 'visualize United Nations Day as a world holiday' and explain 'how this holiday would benefit the world.'" One-thousand dollars is given the winner of the contest.

The United Nations' building is located in New York City. Most nations have representatives there but, since the building is located in the United States, the representatives should get a visa in order to attend the United Nations' assembly. So, the United States government decides which countries should have representatives there. And if all the representatives are present, only five countries have the right of decision making: United States, Russia, United Kingdom and France. As a result, if all the nations of the world vote positive on a resolution, any of the five countries mentioned can veto that resolution.

Is this Democracy? Former secretary general of the so-called "United Nations" called this system a "dictatorship" in a speech in Japan in 1993.

The United Nations betrayed the people of Somalia so much that Butros Ghali, the secretary general of the organization, was stoned by the Somali people (not the war lords) and was forced to have his headquarters in Ethiopia instead.

In Bosnia there is a zone designated by the United Nations as a "safe zone." In that zone, there should be no military operations. Not long ago, Yasushi Akashi, a United Nations' Peace Keeper, allowed the Serbs to move to their artillery through that "safe zone" but did not allow Bosnians to have weapons in order to defend themselves.

The world was outraged and nations demanded his resignation, but he is still working faithfully for the United Nations on the Serbian side.

"The United Nations Human Rights Program has entirely failed," said Philip Alston in the Human Rights Quarterly (No. 16, 1994). This fact cannot be denied. Thank God that we are in a university. If you have any real doubts that the United Nations is betraying humanity, just open your eyes and read.

I have nothing against the students participating [in the contest]. But, I have a message for them on the behalf of all the victims of the so-called United Nations: Wake up!

A United Nations' victim

Organization's goal is 'hospitality, honor'

Dear editor,

We write with gratitude and excitement about the positive things (community, prayer, self-improvement, and service) that are happening at the Catholic Student Center—Newman House. We feel that the interest in the Newman House is directly related to your feature article "In with the new at Newman House" in the first issue of *The Current* this year. You very succinctly stated that the mission of the house is hospitality and honor.

We pray *The Current* continues to be a positive influence on campus by reporting accurately and honestly.

Sincerely,
Rev. Mr. Dennis and Betty Chitwood
Directors of the Newman House

Passage of Hancock II will send state into financial doldrums

Dear Editor,

I am a student, a teaching assistant and a librarian. I'm enrolled in the school of Education at UM-St. Louis, and I'm also a writing tutor for the UM-St. Louis Center for Academic Development. This is a program that provides students, who need extra help in subject areas such as math and writing, with the assistance they need.

If Amendment 7 passes, this program will most likely be cut. Concerning the passage of Amendment 7, Lance T. LeLoup, chair for UMSLPAC Steering Committee, stated this in a letter to UM-St. Louis faculty and staff: "The effect on the University of Missouri-St. Louis would be disastrous. We would lose as much as 20-25 percent of our budget, requiring proportionate layoffs, cancelling of classes, raising tuition, and an inevitable decline in quality."

Dr. John H. Keiser, president of Southwest Missouri State University (Springfield), made these comments concerning Amendment 7: "I have had first-hand experience with tax initiatives in three other states...at Boise State [University], we were able to hire the Dean of the College of Education from Oregon State."

The Dean was available because, as a result of the tax initiative, Oregon State had eliminated its College of Education—not a department in the college...the entire college."

How would Hancock II affect SMSU? "We could eliminate the College of Business Administration, the West Plains Campus, and intercollegiate athletics and still need to find \$5 million more to cut."

Dr. Keiser also pointed out that "the Springfield-Area Chamber of Commerce, the SMSU Board of Regents, the Springfield School Board, and the Springfield City Council" voted unanimously against the Hancock II amendment proposal, even though Springfield is the sponsor's hometown.

Public education would suffer extreme losses in state aid. Charles Hudson, Superintendent for Fox School District, estimates revenue losses in excess of \$2 million. Conley Weiss, chief operating officer for the Springfield R-12 School District, has estimated revenue losses in excess of \$10 million dollars.

I am also a reference librarian for a county library system in Missouri. We provide information, educational

materials and books for people who need them. The library system I work for is considering opening a new branch. If Hancock II passes, its very unlikely this will happen.

Tax initiatives in the state of California have had this affect on the County of Los Angeles Public Library System: 51 of 87 county libraries were closed by August of 1994, 70 full-time and 300 part-time employees were laid off in 1993, and the book and materials budget for what's left of the library system has been cut to zero.

If Hancock II passes, there is a good possibility that I will lose not only one job, but two, because both are state-funded programs. It is unlikely that I will be able to work in the state of Missouri in the professions that I have training for—not to mention the fact that I will no longer be able to afford tuition at a Missouri state university.

This is ironic, considering state universities were founded to make higher education accessible to the general public.

Amendment 7 will require cuts in state services in excess of \$1 billion. Here are a few results of the reduction: Missouri will lose

7,500 prison spaces. The highway patrol will lose 365 state troopers. Annual losses for the funding of state highways will be \$140 million, and city/county roads will be \$60 million. Approximately 9,000 teaching positions will be terminated, and higher education will lose one-third of its state funds (about \$225 million).

I think it is obvious the devastating impact that Hancock II would have on the state of Missouri. There are also a great many other state programs that I haven't mentioned that would be irreparably damaged by the passage of Amendment 7.

Think of this when you vote Nov. 8.

Sincerely,
Jay F. Manning
Library Associate

electronic mail contact

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The student voice
of UM-St. Louis

Staff members also include all reporters and correspondents.

Police from page 1

here, a student called me to say thanks for the increased visibility of the police," he said. "She said that she felt safer. Never before had I gotten a phone call about the police, except for a complaint."

In a recent study, College and University Reports ranked UM-St. Louis lower in campus crime per 1,000 students than Washington University and St. Louis University.

UM-St. Louis reported 0.8 crimes with an enrollment of 15,411 in 1993. Washington University, enrollment

10,684, was perhaps the median with 2.6 crimes. Despite being labeled "the most dangerous college town in America," St. Louis University reported 2.1 crimes with an enrollment of 13,553.

Touhill, a SLU graduate, didn't say she was impressed by the numbers, but she said it is a positive sign.

"The crime statistics are very low," Touhill said. "Obviously, we'd like to have them even lower."

"But, I am very pleased that the students feel secure on campus."

LeLoup from page 1

from its \$510 million budget. The most recent figures have UM-St. Louis losing \$12 million, or approximately the budget of the School of Arts and Sciences. "There would be cuts around here like we've never seen before," LeLoup said.

Two lawsuits involving Hancock II were either ruled on or dropped this week. In what LeLoup calls "our favor," a judge decided that the language on the ballot, specifically, "the Amendment will cut the state's budget by \$1-5 billion," will remain. The second suit questioned the validity of the signatures in District 1 that made it possible to place the Amendment on the ballot. But the lawsuit was dropped by the plaintiff.

"It's a good thing that the lawsuit was dropped," LeLoup said. "It shows that we believe, without a lawsuit, we can beat this thing and knock it down in flames on Nov. 8."

Bridget Brandon, vice president of the Staff Association, and Jackie

Lukitsch, treasurer, filled in for President Brenda Jaeger, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Lukitsch said the Staff Association and the Student Government Association registered 507 voters in a registration drive. She said 75 students and staff members volunteered to man the booths during the two-day drive, held Oct. 8-9.

Two Staff Association members said they have worked for UMSL PAC answering telephones and distributing information.

LeLoup thanked the two and encouraged others to get involved in any form.

"The way we're going to beat this is by word of mouth," LeLoup said. "The group of people that don't know about Hancock II is still huge."

"If you talk to friends, family... neighbors, and tell them the effects of Hancock II, you can make a big difference."

Freeze from page 1

of Safety and Security and we have permission to fill that vacancy," said Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Reinhard Schuster.

At the staff meeting Monday Oct. 24, Chancellor Blanche Touhill said that UM President George Russell will decide when the hiring freeze ends. She said his decision will be heavily influenced by the fate of Hancock II.

"UM President George Russell will make his decision after Hancock II is voted on, but if it passes he will start plans for cuts," Touhill said.

"After the election President Russell and the board will want to assess where we are and see where the vacancies have occurred," said David Lendt, director of University Relations. "If they are in strategic places, he might continue the freeze."

Convertible Roof and Window Slashings
Fall Semester 1994

•Sept. 23, Garage D, second level, between 10:30 a.m. and 11 p.m.

A student reported a cut convertible top on her vehicle.

•Sept. 26, Garage D, first level, between 10:30 a.m. and 11:40 a.m.

A staff member reported a burned hole and tear in the plastic window of her vehicle. A purse was taken from the floor of the vehicle. The purse was later found under the vehicle with \$6 in cash missing.

•Sept. 26, Garage D, first level,

between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 (reported Sept. 28).

A staff person reported that a canvass top on his vehicle was cut. A gym bag containing assorted gym clothes and a combination lock was taken.

•Oct. 5, Garage C, first level, between 9:55 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. A purse and bookbag were taken from the vehicle. The items were recovered, but \$100 from the purse was missing.

•Oct. 7, Garage D, second level, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:25 a.m. Contracted security discovered a vehicle with a cut in the convertible top.

•Oct. 9, Garage D, third floor, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

A student reported a cut in the convertible top of her vehicle.

•Oct. 14, Garage C, first floor, between 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A staff person reported that a hole in his vehicle's vinyl window. A gym bag was taken from the vehicle.

•Oct. 18, Garage C, second level, between 8:40 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

A student reported a cut in the rear window of her convertible.

Alumni Association chapter holds reception
Speaker urges Board of Curators to expand programs in city schools

by Michael J. Urness
of The Current staff

A veritable cornucopia of UM-St. Louis administrators, distinguished alumnus and community leaders turned out Friday night Oct. 21 for the eighth annual African American Chapter of the Alumni Association reception and dinner in North St. Louis.

The African American Chapter, which grew out of the Minority Relations Committee, sponsors several social functions throughout the year. At the reception and dinner, the organization presents awards such as the newly established African American Book Stipend awards. In addition the reception is held to honor those who have made significant contributions to either the Chapter or the furtherance of higher education within the African American community.

The reception and dinner took place at Spruill's International Catering 1101 N. Jefferson and featured the music of The Robert Edwards & Company jazz ensemble throughout the cocktail and dinner hours.

Master of Ceremonies Eric Banks, a UM-St. Louis alumnus and practicing corporate attorney, opened the reception and then turned the floor over to Rev. Cedric Malone, pastor of First Baptist Church who gave the invocation.

Following a roast beef and turkey

dinner, complete with all the trimmings, Banks introduced Chancellor Blanche M. Touhill.

"I want to thank you for inviting me to this event tonight," Touhill said. "I want to say that I am very proud of the University of Missouri-St. Louis. We educate St. Louis. We are committed to that, and we need your help to continue that mission."

"This year we have enrolled 1455 African American students—the

largest number in the history of the campus. And I hope that number continues to go up. And that for that to happen we will need your assistance and the assistance of your friends in order to encourage other African American young people to obtain their higher education degrees at the University of Missouri-St. Louis."

Additional greetings from the UM-St. Louis were made by Dr. Roosevelt Wright, vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, and Kathy Osborn, vice chancellor of University Relations.



Roosevelt Wright

"As many of you know my first job at the University, nine years ago, was the matter of alumni relations," Osborn said. "And I had the privilege of working with a committee called the minorities relations committee which grew into the African American Chapter of the Alumni Association."

Osborn honored Gerald Kirk, past president of the African American Chapter of the Alumni Association as well as Mary S. Gillespie and Malaika Horn, two UM-St. Louis graduates who have been appointed to the University of Missouri System Board of Curators.

Doris Coleman, current president of the African American Chapter of the Alumni Association then recognized and thanked various members of the

University and the Alumni Association.

"We would like to thank Chancellor Touhill, Kathy Osborn, Dr. Wright, Rev. Malone and Don Danforth and Ken Meyer, for participating tonight and encouraging us and working with us," Coleman said. "I have to admit, the University has been behind our Chapter all the way. They have always extended the hand that we have needed in order to get over. So we thank them tonight."

Following Coleman's remarks, Don Danforth, program director of the Mathews-Dickey Boy's Club, took the floor and told the crowd of the rich history of the Mathews-Dickey Club and the many services it provides to young boys and girls.

Banks again took the floor and began a five minute introduction of the evening's featured speaker Dr. James Dixon Jr., executive director of education and monitoring and advisory committee for the St. Louis Board of Education.

"Success is more of a state of mind than any other type of quantifiable measure," Banks said "If you don't feel good about who you are, it doesn't matter what you have, you will still not be successful."

After describing Dixon's success in both the academic and business communities Banks said, "But there's probably even a more important way to define success. Because it's been said that the most revolutionary thing a black man can do is stay with his family. And our speaker has been married to the same woman for 29 years."

With that, Banks presented Dixon. Dixon began by thanking his wife and family, members of the administration, the African American Chapter as well as the members of his Doctoral dissertation committee.

On the evenings theme "Our Children Are The Future" Dixon said, "On the surface you would think that no greater truth could be spoken. Our children are our future."

Before continuing Dixon said "Terry Jones asked me earlier was I

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Alcohol Awareness Week a smashing success

by Eric Thomas
reporter

With the aid of the Chrysler Corporation, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (M.A.D.D.) is crusading at American high schools and universities in an attempt to open the eyes of today's younger drivers.

The statistics firmly state that alcohol use and abuse exist in America's high schools and universities.

And that bothers Gloria Lubowitz, senior counseling psychologist at UM-St. Louis, who described the goals of Alcohol Awareness Week to me.

Her main focus is responsibility. "Choosing to drink is fine and acceptable," Lubowitz said, "as long as there is a designated driver. I don't think enough people take that idea seriously or practice it regularly."

Lubowitz also said that people drink for a lot of different reasons, and many times other activities could be substituted for drinking.

tuted for drinking.

"Sports and other relaxing activities such as theater or campus organizations are great ways to get involved and meet new and exciting people," she said. "Bars are not the only means of socialization in our society today. There are always caring people here in my office waiting to aid students who desire to be different, who don't want to follow the same path as those in the obituary pages."

Among the activities of Alcohol Awareness Week were the Chrysler Drunk Driving Simulator and a session of Alcohol Trivial Pursuit.

The object of the latter was to throw a ball against a Velcro target to receive an alcohol related question. The closer you got to the bull's-eye, the easier the question was. Anheuser-Busch donated key chains, hats and can coolers, which were awarded to participants who provided correct answers. There was also a raffle for a 32-quart cooler.

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF DRINKERS

People who drink responsibly:

- drink along with other activities.
- drink only with others, but not because others are drinking.
- avoid intoxication by drinking slowly and paying close attention to their reactions

People who have a problem with alcohol:

- drink to escape problems or turn off painful feelings.
- may drink alone, or at regular times of the day.
- use alcohol as a substitute.

Source: Horizons Peer Counseling

by Eric Thomas
reporter

Last Thursday the Chrysler Corporation brought its drunk driving simulator to UM-St. Louis as part of Alcohol Awareness Week, Oct. 24 through 26.

This was the first time the simulator has been at UM-St. Louis, and the number of students who took advantage of it was exceptional.

It is supported by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (M.A.D.D.), The U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Association of Broadcasters.

The simulator is a 1995 Dodge Neon with an on-board lap top computer that can be programmed to delay the car's steering and breaking response time, simulating the slowed physical and mental response abilities caused by drinking before driving.

The way the simulator works is the instructor inputs the driver's weight

and how much alcohol they have consumed. This information is carried to the power steering lines and the brake system, which then compensate for your simulated drunkenness.

The idea for the simulator originated in 1988, and it has made over 550 appearances in more than 150 cities in the last six years.

Over 90,000 people, most in the target range of 15- to 20-years-old, have experienced the simulator.

A national study stated that because of the exposure of under-21 drivers to the simulator, there has been a decline in the proportion of 15- to 20-year-olds involved in alcohol-related accidents.

Overall, the number of alcohol-related fatalities declined 11 percent from 1991 to 1992.

In 1992, an estimated 17,699 people died in alcohol related accidents. That's almost one death every half hour caused by drunk driving.

UM-St. Louis' Gallery 210 opens new exhibit

by Brian Dashner
reporter

UM-St. Louis' Gallery 210 is now showing Heide Fasnacht's exhibit "Sculptures based on the map of Ohio." The exhibit opened Oct. 25 and will run to Nov. 23.

Tom Kochheiser, director of Gallery 210, encourages everyone to come see the exhibit.

"These exhibits were shown in 1992 at Fasnacht's gallery in New York," Kochheiser said. "I saw her stuff and liked it. Then her gallery sent me some slides and I knew that I wanted to show her work here."

Heide Fasnacht is an established abstract artist living in New York City. She teaches sculpture as a visiting artist at Harvard University and has a master's degree in fine arts from New York University in

Manhattan. She also has a piece which hangs in the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Four of Fasnacht's pieces are on display at the Gallery 210 exhibit: "Road Map of Ohio," a huge, overstuffed pillow that is actually a

Ohio; and "Plaid Ohio," a foam rubber base with plaid, woolen cloth formed like the shape of Ohio and a hollow metal ring in the center.

Kochheiser said that these works were a kind of self-therapy for Fasnacht, who moved from Lakewood, Ohio following her high school graduation. The sculptures convey her dissatisfaction with Ohio and her life there.

"This is certainly not typical of the sculpture she does," Kochheiser said. "Most of her art contains primarily metal and rubber."

The exhibit is funded in part by the Missouri Arts Council and the Regional Arts Commission.

Daily, hours for the show are Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m., Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Gallery 210 is in room 210 Lucas Hall.

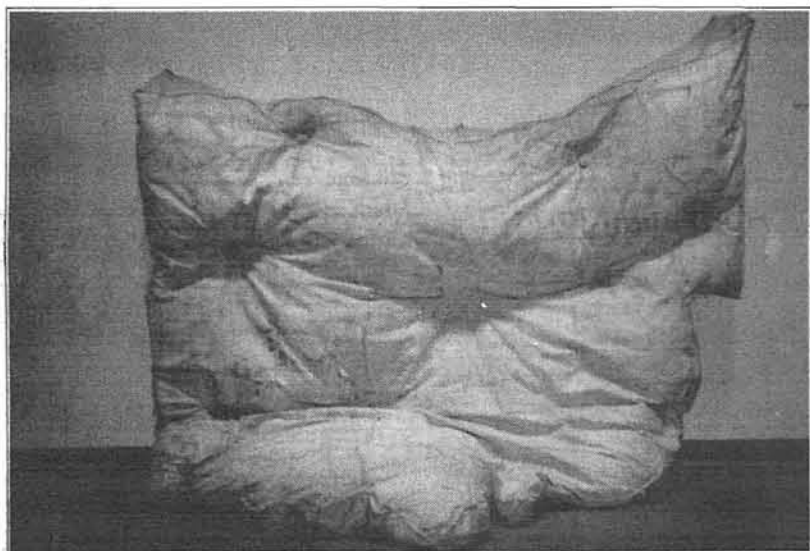


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OH HOW I HATE OHIO: "Road Map of Ohio," one of Heide Fasnacht's sculptures on display now at Gallery 210's latest exhibit.

'StarGate' spectacular science fiction movie adventure in all ages

by Scott Lamar
associate features editor

"StarGate" is an exciting sci-fi adventure that pairs a stern, special forces military man (Kurt Russell) with an intelligent Egyptologist (James Spader) on a mission to solve the mysteries of an artifact unearthed in Giza, Egypt in 1928.

"StarGate" is unlike other science fiction movies. It begins in 1928, then skips ahead to the present and into another galaxy, all the time playing with the notion that ancient Egyptian civilization was visited by aliens.

Dr. Daniel Jackson (Spader) is commissioned by the government to figure out how to unlock StarGate's unique power. For Jackson, this is the opportunity of a lifetime. His ambition and energy is childlike because StarGate can prove his theory that aliens visited the Egyptians hundreds of years ago.

Col. Jack O'Neil (Russell) is a tough guy who has nothing left in the world. For him, the dangerous mission through space and time is perfect because he believes he has nothing left to live for. He's brooding and intense throughout the journey, with

a take-no-crap attitude that has become a Russell trademark.

Consequently, the two have separate agendas for StarGate. What O'Neil sees as a threat, Jackson views as a glorious opportunity.

The audience can clearly see the



Kurt Russell

contrast between the characters' objectives on the screen. But despite their differences, the two forge a mutual respect for one another.

Once Jackson and O'Neil enter the portal, they are thrust through space and into a primitive civilization on a desert planet called Abydos, millions of light-years from earth. Here they

discover a civilization enslaved by an enigmatic, god-like ruler named Ra (Jaye Davidson), who has an evil plot that entails using the StarGate to destroy the earth. Jackson and O'Neil must come together in a race against time to defeat Ra and his henchmen, save the earth, and return home.

The story, created by Dean Devlin and Roland Emmerich, is imaginative and gripping.

The special effects are incredible. The trip through the StarGate to the strange planet felt like a roller coaster ride. Everything, from a creature that looked like a cross between a Clydesdale and a buffalo to the masks worn by Ra and his men to the engraved walls and black, polished floors of the palace/space-ship occupied by Ra, was spectacular. Visual Effects Supervisor Kit West, who won an Academy Award for "Raiders of the Lost Ark," did a remarkable job in "StarGate."

"StarGate" is two solid hours of entertainment. Like most science fiction stories, the idea is not to sit back and analyze the story's content for truth, but to wonder at the possibility that it could be true. If you like to wonder, you'll enjoy "StarGate."

Student volunteer vacations

by Scott Lamar
associate features editor

How would you like to spend your winter or spring break volunteering in Jamaica, Costa Rica, or Russia?

Global Volunteers is a private, non-profit organization that is offering students an alternative to the lazy, beach vacation with a chance to learn about

another culture and make a lasting difference in the life of a less fortunate person.

Students can assist in domestic and international human development projects in Latin America, Europe, Southeast Asia, Jamaica and Tanzania, as well as projects in the southern U.S. The trips last from one to three weeks and range in cost from \$300 to \$1,500,

plus air fare. The fee includes lodging, meals, local transportation, visas and an experienced team leader.

Michele Gran, a spokeswoman for Global Volunteers, said giving up a vacation to volunteer is an individual choice.

"It's not for everyone," Gran said. "It's a personal choice." Gran said students usually give one

of three reasons for wanting to volunteer.

"Some want to learn firsthand about a certain culture. Some see it as a sense of service. They consider themselves fortunate to be living in the United States and want to share what they know with less fortunate people. And some want to gain experience teaching in another country,"

Gran said.

Besides teaching, projects include working on a water system on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica and helping build homes in the Rio Grande Valley.

Global Volunteers President Bud Philbrook said students are extremely helpful in these types of projects because of their enthusiasm and energy.

"Past student volunteers have dis-

covered that they can make a significant difference in the lives of the people we serve. Most projects can be completed in a short time and have long-term benefits to the community," Philbrook said.

Gran said students reside in dormitory-type buildings and are fed by the natives of the area. The teams students are in are led by a trained team leader who is familiar with the host community's language and culture.

Philbrook said that what students see often shocks them.

"I think what surprises most students is the extent to which their own lives are changed by such an experience," Philbrook said. "Most people are exposed to economic poverty only through newspapers and network news. To witness it and have a hand in improving conditions provides an understanding that can't be achieved vicariously."

Some of the opportunities available for the upcoming winter break are teaching English at Tver University in Tver, Russia; tutoring children in the Blue Mountains of Jamaica; and working on a water system in Costa Rica.

Because Global Volunteers is non-profit, volunteers must pay their own way. However, all costs are tax-deductible, and discounts for student groups are available.

For a free schedule and more information, call Michele Gran at 1-800-487-1074.

Faculty Faces profiles:

by Scott Lamar
associate features

Name: Robin Clearmountain

Position: English Lecturer

Age: 39

Pets: A dog named Zoe.

Favorite restaurant: Blackhawk.

Favorite food: Black pepper corn pate from Gourmet-to-Go.

Favorite movie: "The Bad Seed."

Favorite actor/actress: William Holden and Eileen Heckart.

Favorite book: "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich," or anything by Faulkner or D.H. Lawrence.

What is your fantasy? Singing back-up for the Beach Boys.



Robin Clearmountain

Favorite college memory: Dorm life as an undergrad. I remember the late-night hours with everyone coming out and sitting in the hallways. It was fun.

How would you describe yourself? Compassionate, eclectic,

refined and generous.

How would your friends describe you? Sweet, shy, noble and generous.

Why did you go into teaching? I like intellectual exchange. I like to think that I inspire people to pursue what they are made of intellectually. I like students to discover themselves and discover what is important to them.

Favorite childhood memory: Going to the opera, the theater and the symphony.

Who do you most admire? My parents and my 98-year-old grandfather because of what they had to overcome, their struggles and sense of humanity.

What are your plans after teaching? I have a CD due out next year involving New Age music and the spoken word.

In my spare time I like too... drive. I just get in my car and go. That's where I do my composing. I like to head out on roads that have a lot of sky-county roads.

"We built colleges and universities and hospitals," Dixon said of the re-

through 12 years of school that they ought to test you on what you learned

people have no hope

Beaumont, the two non-integrated schools in the city.

Academic Development, College Prep and the Bridge Program which was intended to work with Vashon and Beaumont, the two non-integrated schools in the city.

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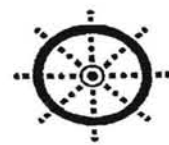
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For Pete's Sake



Peter Piper Awards: Part Two

by Pete Dicrispino
sports editor

Last week we took a look at the women's soccer awards, this week we will take a look at the men's soccer team.

Freshman Of The Year.

Ken Henry, defender- Henry is the team's best defender and his job is to shut down opponents' top players. Even though he doesn't have a point on the year, he's had an excellent freshman year and will be the backbone of the team's defense for years to come.

Quickest Player.

Todd Rick, forward- Rick could run circles around a Cheetah any day of the week. He can blow past defenders with one stride. He is very quick in moving from side to side with or without the ball.

Most Underrated.

Kevin Smith, forward- Fans hardly notice Smith when he is on the field. He will look invisible and then bang, he scores a goal. He is third on the team with five goals on only 17 shots. Also is third with 13 points. Smith has accomplished all of this while only starting 10 games.

Best Defensive Player.

Ken Henry, defender- Henry gets this award too. He has been the team's best defender all year and should only get better with time.

The Rivermen have themselves a player with the kid from Vianney High School.

Best Offensive Player.

Todd Rick, forward- Rick leads the Rivermen with 14 goals and five assists for 33 points. He by far is the biggest offensive threat on the team and draws double-team assignments from opponents. Rick ranks 18th in the nation in the goal scoring department. No one deserves this award more than Todd Rick.

Most Valuable Player.

Mark Lynn, goalie- What more needs to be said about the type of year this guy is putting together. Lynn ranks fifth in the nation with his 0.67 goals against average and is tied for first in the nation with eight shutouts. Has been the team's wall in the goal all year. Has made 80 saves, while only allowing 11 goals all season.

Most Quotable.

Matt Gober, midfielder- Matt has to be the nicest guy on the team. No matter what time you call him for an interview he always takes the time to talk to you. The *Current* sports department thanks you Matt.

Last week, Riverman midfielder Ben Davis left the team because he was unhappy about the lack of playing time that he was receiving. The Rivermen are already overstocked with midfielders and as a result, Davis' playing time was suffering. He only played in seven of the Riverman's 15 games so far this season. He was fifth in scoring among Rivermen players with a goal and five assists for seven points.

The Rivermen wish him the best in the future.

Riverwomen improve at Volleyfest

by Rob Goedeker
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Last weekend, the Riverwomen volleyball team hosted its annual UM-St. Louis Volleyfest at the Mark Twain Building. Even though the Riverwomen lost three out of the four matches they played, they didn't look at that as a downside to their season. Instead, they looked at the Volleyfest as a significant maturing stage of a young and developing team.

Throughout this season, the Riverwomen hardly gave their opponents a run for their money, but during the Volleyfest a major change took place. The Riverwomen are starting to push their opponents to the limit.

"We're really improving," setter Tracia Clendenen said. "We started to give the teams more of a challenge."

In their first match of the Volleyfest, the Riverwomen took on conference foe Northwest Missouri State Bearcats on Friday. The Riverwomen took them to a fifth game, which uses rally scoring where there are no side-outs. It makes for a very quick and upbeat game.

In the rally game, the Riverwomen jumped out to an early 2-0 advantage, but couldn't hang on. They lost the match 5-15, 15-5, 10-15, 15-7, 10-15.

"We didn't do the things we needed to do to win when the match was on the line," assistant coach Erik

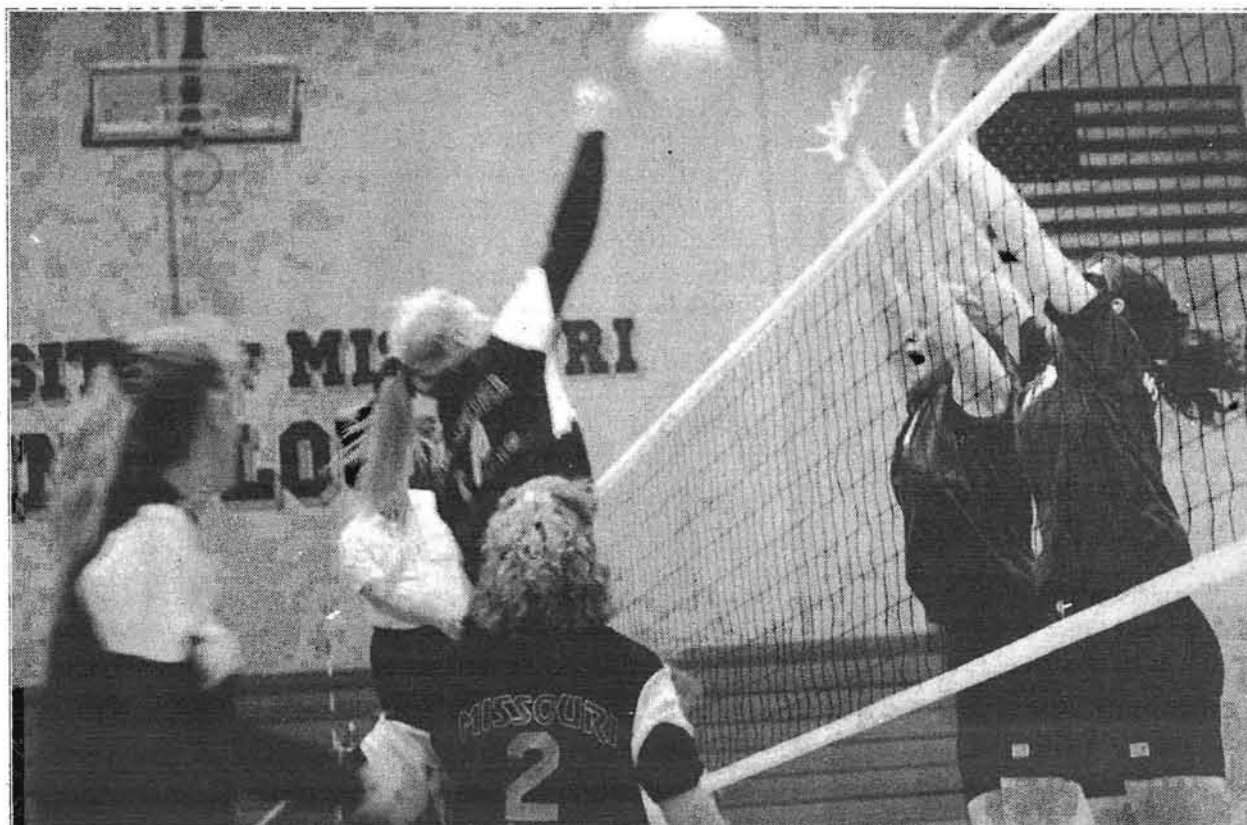


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IN YOUR FACE: Riverwoman middle hitter Karen Baskett spikes the ball as middle hitter Debbie Boedefeld and setter Tracia Clendenen (#2) look on in a match against Northwest Missouri State Friday at the Volleyfest.

Kaseorg said.

The Riverwomen jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in the second game. Then, the Bearcats began to mount up their attack. They cut the Riverwomen's lead to 7-4, but that was as close as they would get.

In the fourth game, the Riverwomen fell behind early 4-7, but with the help of outside hitter Jennifer Dodson's serving, they came back to tie the score and eventually took the lead on an ace by Dodson just inside the back-court line.

"I've been practicing my serve game a lot," Dodson said. "I guess the practice paid off."

The Riverwomen kept gaining momentum. Late in the game, the Bearcats tried to get their momentum back, but the Riverwomen denied them

the opportunity.

"It was really frustrating," said Northwest Missouri State setter Heather Potts. "Our passing game wasn't working very good, but as long as we came back and won, that's all that matters."

Kerry Mallon led the Riverwomen with 18 kills, and Ann Marie Gary had 16. Clendenen collected 54 assists, and Karen Baskett added five blocks.

Later that night, the Riverwomen took the Rollins College Tars to a rally game, and this time they were victorious. They won the match with the scores 6-15, 9-15, 15-10, 15-13, 15-7.

"Rollins was probably the second best team in the tournament, behind Central Missouri State," head coach Denise Silvester said. "Beating them was a big win for us."

"We really came together as a team," outside hitter Jessica Tobin said. "The win was very uplifting. It gave us a lot of confidence."

"We were determined to not lose this game," Gary said. "We were so pumped up for the rally game that I don't think they could have beaten us if they wanted to. We really wanted the win."

On Saturday, the Riverwomen started off the day with a conference match against the Missouri Western Lady Griffons. The Riverwomen lost

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Quante Brothers enjoy playing soccer together

by Ken Dunkin
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players who give their best effort make the job of coaching easier. He said

'John and Mike are very similar in their attitudes towards the sport. They are very dedicated.'

**-Tom Redmond
UM-St. Louis Men's
soccer coach**

every coach wants their players to have this type of work ethic.

"It makes coaching a lot easier when you get a player that has a hard

work ethic, talent and take the game seriously," Redmond said. "John and Mike are very similar in their attitudes towards the sport. They are very dedicated."

John and Mike described themselves in the same manner—players that work as hard as they can.

"I work as hard as I can," Mike said. "If I'm tired, I just get up and run some more."

Their almost mirrored ability could be attributed to soccer battles they had in their backyard. They never played on the same team growing up, so these games played a important role. Bragging rights came out of these battles. Mike jokingly said he controlled most of these games, while John differs, saying they were even. As a player, Mike learned a lot from John through these battles.

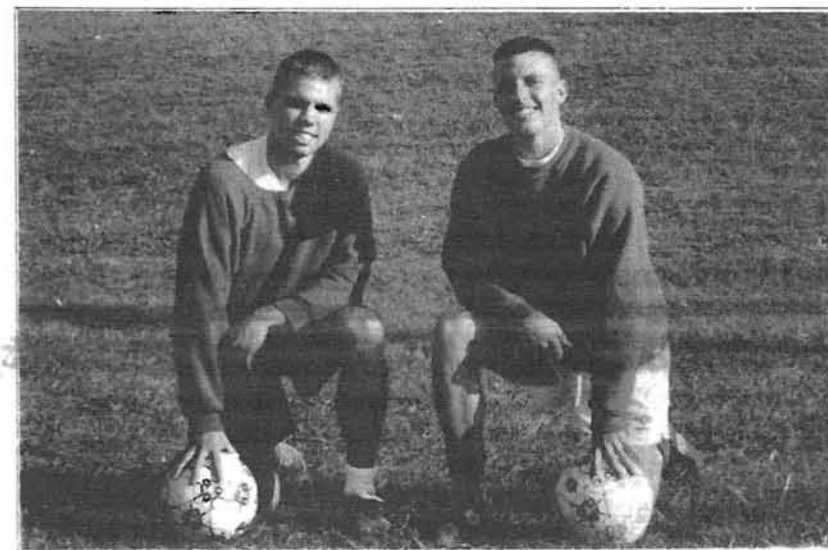


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BRAGGING RIGHTS: Rivermen midfielders John Quante (left) and Mike Quante are relishing the chance of being able to play together.

"His determination and hard work rubbed off on me," Mike said.

In practice, though, the brotherly love soon wears off. It becomes every brother for himself.

"I go into a tackle with him just as hard as I do anybody else," Mike said. "It's really no different than playing against any other players."

This season is a major opportunity for the brothers to grow closer, since they see more of each other than they have in years. This year is the first time they have played organized ball on the same team.

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Coaches Corner

Featuring
Jim Niederkorn
Men's Golf Coach



by Ken Dunkin
of *The Current* staff

Birthplace: Alton, Ill.

College: Southern Illinois State University and Northeast Missouri State University.

Personal hero: My father, he provided me with the desire to play sports. He also got me involved in golf and motivated me to always try my best.

One thing I can't stand is: I don't care for quitters and people who accept mediocrity.

People who know me in college will say: They saw I didn't give up, that I always gave it my best.

Fantasy: To take a team from a academic, urban institution, and

show people in the West and South that the boys in the Midwest can play golf. Or finish in the top three in the NCAA division.

What I like best about coaching: I get a great deal of satisfaction in seeing kids make progress and mature, not only as players, but as students.

If I could change one thing about myself: To quit striving for perfection. I like to do things a certain way. I wouldn't take things so hard and personal. There is no perfection in golf.

What I'm reading now: Most of the golf instructional guides that come out. I like to keep up with all the latest things going on with golf.

Greatest game I ever coached: In high school basketball (Pattonville) defeated the third or fourth ranked Ladue in the district tournament in 1984 or 85.

Most disappointing game: I can't say there has been anything that has been disappointing. I've always been proud of all of my teams.

My favorite golfers: Ben Hogan and Jack Nickelson.

Favorite sport (other than golf): Collage football. I'm a season ticket holder at UM-Columbia for the last

twenty five years.

My impressions on the way sports have become a business: I don't care for the way certain athletes treat the sport that has given them a living. I coached Scott Cooper, the third baseman for the Boston Red Sox. I coached him all through high school. He has kept the idea to come back and give something back to the community that provided him the opportunities. I've always admired him for that.

Favorite movies: "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," "Hoosiers." I enjoyed "Forrest Gump."

Favorite restaurant: Tony's in Alton, Ill.

Favorite fast-food: Taco Bell
Favorite childhood memory: The times I spent with my Dad playing catch, football, basketball and all sports.

What would I want people to remember about me: My commitment to the program. I put a lot of time in the last fifteen years into this program, and someday I'd like someone to say: "I appreciate the commitment and energy that man has put into the program."

Riverwomen lose 4-1, playoff hopes vanish

by Pete Dicrispino
sports editor

Nancy Reyes' goal, 30 minutes into the game, proved to be the game winner as the Lewis Flyers defeated the UM-St. Louis women's soccer team 4-1 last Saturday at the Don Dallas soccer field.

The loss ended the Riverwomen's playoff hopes and dropped their record to 10-8-1 on the year.

"We didn't play real composed in the back like we've been in the last four games," said head coach Ken Hudson. "Today it was like we were non-existent in the back."

Defender Kellee Albin put the Flyers on the board first with a goal 28 minutes into the first half. Albin collected a rebound off a corner kick and blasted a shot past Riverwomen goalie Amy Abernathy.

"Amy went for it, but she was the only one that moved on the play," Hudson said.

Two minutes later the Flyers struck again off another corner kick.

Defender Colleen Kelly hit a great corner kick across the Riverwomen goal and Reyes headed the ball past Abernathy, who looked surprised on the play.

"On the second goal nobody moved," Hudson said.

In the first half the Flyers controlled the play and were definitely the more aggressive team.

The Riverwomen's best chance came with 11 minutes left in the half.

Midfielder Jennifer Frohlich sent a beautiful ball off a free kick to forward Marcie Scheske. Scheske fanned on the shot and the ball trickled wide of the goal.

The Flyers, thanks to two goals within a span of two minutes, had a 2-0 halftime lead.

"I told them at half that we were letting the [Lewis] win all the 50-50 balls," Hudson said. "I said we needed to go hard to the ball and win them ourselves."

At the start of the second half, the Riverwomen started to play like they took Hudson's advice.

The Riverwomen came out and took the play to the Flyers and scored to cut the lead to 2-1.

Leading scorer Jenni Burton found herself alone in front of Flyer goalie Trisha McDonald. A quick move later and the ball was in the back of the net. For Burton the goal was her 18th on the season.

"We came out in the second half and did what we needed to do and it put us back in the ball game," Hudson

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